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December 6, 1977

Ms. Tilly Barling
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China Lake, California 93555

Dear Ms. Barling:

This is in response to your November 16 letter requesting information on the name Argus Range in Inyo and San Bernardino Counties, California.

This office has no information indicating that the name Slate Range was used or applied to the Argus Range. U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps have used the name Argus and Slate Ranges, as presently shown on maps, since 1913. These maps are field checked to investigate and confirm the proper place-name usage.

Photo copies of older maps are available from the Library of Congress. The address is:

Geographic and Map Division
Library of Congress
Washington, D.C. 20540.

Sincerely yours,

Donald J. Orth
Executive Secretary
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Dear Mr. Orth:

To complete historical data relevant to possible cultural resources on the Naval Weapons Center at China Lake, I am researching the date when the Argus Range received its present name. This range in Inyo County, California extends from about north latitude 35° 40' to 36° 15' at west longitude approximately 117° 25'. In old literature the name "Slate Range" is used for these mountains as well as for the presently named Slate Range which runs in a southeasterly direction from its junction with the Argus at the "Slate Crossing" which separates Panamint Valley from Searles Valley.

Any information you can furnish will be sincerely appreciated. If you can suggest a source for photocopies of old maps of this region and how they may be obtained I would also appreciate this information.

Your truly,

Tilly Barling

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